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Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Hargobind S. Sawhney

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on March 8, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10 and 20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/17/2007.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

1. Based on approval of the petition, the amendment filed on January 31, 2006 has been entered. Accordingly:

- Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 19 have been amended; and
- A new claim 20 has been added.

2. The following Examiner's amendment is based on the interview held between the examiner and the attorney, Mr. Tracy Druce on October 17, 2007. A copy of the interview summary is attached herewith.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Tracy Druce on October 17, 2007.

Claim 1 (amended), line 2, -- having at least one light source disposed at the front end of the flashlight -- has been inserted after "housing".

Claim 1 (amended), line 4, inserted --directly -- before "connected".

Claims 11-19 have been cancelled.

Reasons for Allowance

4. Claims 1-10 and 20 are allowed.

The prior art of record, including US Patent No.: 5,103,384 (Drohan), does not show or suggest the applicant's invention as claimed. Specifically, the prior art of record does not disclose a flashlight combining:

- A handgrip handle rotatably connected to a flashlight housing, and having its pivot axis coincident with its longitudinal axis; a clamping member directly connected the handgrip handle for pivotation together with the handgrip handle while being biased toward the housing as recited in the independent claim 1 amended as discussed above.

The above-indicated combination - including the clamping member in combination with handgrip handle being rotatable while the clamping member being biased toward the housing- makes this invention unique.

Drohan disclose a clamping member rotatably connected to the handgrip handle of a flashlight. However, Drohan does not teach the handgrip handle and the clamping member rotatable together about a pivot axis coincident with a longitudinal axis of the handle. Further, Drohan does not teach a biasing member positioned between the housing and the clamping member. Therefore, Drohan does not meet the limitations of the independent claim 1 amended as discussed above.

Therefore, claim 1, amended as discussed above, is allowed over prior art.

Claims 2-10 and 20 are necessarily allowed because of their dependency on the allowed amended base claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hollenbach et al. (US Patent No.: US 5,510,970) and Bacevius (US Patent No.: 4,399,498)

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hargobind S. Sawhney whose telephone number is 571 272 2380. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM 30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Jong-Suk (James) Lee can be reached on 571 272 7044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Hargobind S. Sawhney/

Examiner, Art Unit 2885